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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

### NOTICE.

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- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
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- 9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
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- 11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
- 12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1885.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

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H. A. HERBERT, Manager.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

## Notice of Firm.

MR. R. H. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a PARTNER in my business from the 1st instant, and the Name of the Firm in future will be "W. R. LOXLEY & Co."

W. R. LOXLEY.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1885. 76

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG RACES.

"OFF DAY," SATURDAY,  
28th February, 1885.

HACK RACE, for a CUP presented by THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB, open to Ponies that have not been entered at this Meeting, to be ridden by Residents of Hongkong, Members of the Jockey Club, who have never won a race in Hongkong or China prior to this Meeting; Catch-weights over 11st.; Distance Once Round; the Entrance Fees (\$3 each) to go to the Second Pony.

ENTRIES CLOSE to the Clerk of the Course, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Inst.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, February 11, 1885. 245

### HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fourth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, at 12 o'clock, noon, on FRIDAY, the 20th February, 1885, to receive a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1884, and the Report of the General Managers, and to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 20th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1885. 192

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D. K. GRIFFITH, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1246

### NOTICE.

#### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

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HOLDERS OF NOTES will be required to furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank, a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of Issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the OFFICE of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the OFFICIAL LIQUIDATORS OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,  
By his Attorney,  
J. MELVILLE MATSON,  
H. HOWARD TAYLOR.  
Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1236

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Hongkong, January 24, 1885. 130

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Hongkong, February 7, 1885. 218

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### Intimations.

#### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixteenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at THREE O'CLOCK in the Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 24th February instant, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1885. 201

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on TUESDAY, the 24th February, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 10th, to TUESDAY, the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1885. 173

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of February current, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1884.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 5, 1885. 209

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTER of SHARES of this CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd February current (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1885. 210

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Schedules of Prices can be obtained from CHARLES FORD,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 12, 1885. 188

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th day of February instant, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, February 5, 1885. 207

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The following are the scores made yesterday by the competitors in the rifle match between the Hongkong Police and H.M.S. *Chopatra*. The shooting all round may be considered very fair under the circumstances. Strong gusts of wind were blowing from the right of the ranges during the firing and the weather was thick and misty; a drizzling rain also prevailing for some time. As will be seen by the scores, P.S. Mann was the top scorer. The match was well contested, the Police team winning only by 20 points. The following are the scores:—

POLICE TEAM.		200 yards.	500 yards.
P. S. Kemp,	22	18	
P. S. McKay,	30	26	
P. S. Mann,	29	29	
P. O. McDonald,	27	25	
P. S. Butler,	27	26	
P. O. Sutherland,	27	24	
P. C. Cameron,	29	25	
P. S. Thomson,	28	23	
Total,	223	196	

  

H. M. S. CHOPATRA.		200 yards.	500 yards.
Curtis,	28	21	
Buller,	29	28	
Bickerton, R.M.,	22	22	
Leung, C. H.,	27	20	
Leung, P. S.,	24	21	
Rogers,	31	33	
Martin,	22	19	
Total,	205	194	

NOTWITHSTANDING the assertions of the French press, it does not seem probable that Formosa will be altogether abandoned by the French. It may be that the greater portion of the French troops will be transferred thence to Tonquin, but it is pretty certain that a garrison will be left at Keelung, so as to maintain the footing (such as it is) that has been obtained on the Island. Mean-while, it is evidently the intention of Admiral Courbet to employ his fleet in more active service than shelling fishing-junks and pullaway boats; and, while sending all available infantry to Tonquin, he means to use his fleet (or the larger portion of it) for blockading certain points on the China coast, searching neutral vessels, and destroying (if he can catch them) all Chinese vessels, war-ships or otherwise, which he may meet. This would seem to be the plan indicated by recent movements; and so long as Shanghai, Foochow, Amoy, Swatow, and Canton are left clear for the trade of neutral foreign residents, such a course will probably best accord with the views of the foreign communities throughout China generally. It will certainly tend to avoid ticklish complications, although it will be a very long time before China loses her dogged perseverance and her almost endless patience.

In our paper of 14th November last we referred to the telegraphic communication to be established between the port of Pakhoi and a point in Kwangsi (Wang Chow) on the main line from Canton to Lung-chow (on the Tonquin frontier), which passes Nanning. On the 5th inst. we published a telegram received from Pakhoi to the effect that the line had been completed on the 4th instant, and we now hear that the first message went through at 4 p.m. on that date and that the Chinese Telegraph Company's lines had been placed at the disposal of the public generally free of charge for all messages handed in at Pakhoi for the term of three days ending on the evening of the 6th instant. We understand that the telegram received by us was the first private message forwarded.

The building of this line which passes by Linghai and Liemchow has been a hard task, and those engaged in it have had to endure much suffering from the inclement weather and severe cold experienced throughout. The work was calculated to take three months, but it has been completed some 10 days ahead of that time. Taking into consideration the facts that one month was lost in waiting at Wang-chow for poles and wire (which should have been there in October), that the country traversed was mountainous and imperfectly surveyed, great credit is due to the energetic Danish gentleman, Mr. Mithensteth of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, by whose skill and experience the work has been accomplished. We regret, however, to hear that some 6 weeks ago he received from a native, armed with one of the usual Chinese hand-swords, a wound in the knee an inch and a half deep, which compelled him to follow up his work in a chair until within a few days from Pakhoi. His wound is, however, healing fast, and when he was at Pakhoi he was again able to go about on horseback. In recognition of the great exertions he has made to complete the Wang-chow-Pakhoi line under extreme adverse circumstances, his valuable services have at once been secured by the Chinese Government for the building of a new line from Liemchow westward towards the Annamite frontier, passing by Chin-chow and Yau-chow. He set out on this new work on the 7th inst., and the line is expected to be completed in about six weeks.

Two other Danish gentlemen, Messrs. Jensen and Madsen, belonging to the Chinese Telegraph Co. have also just started for Liemchow to proceed with the building of a telegraphic line from that place to Hainan (surveyed by Mr. Jensen a couple of months ago), which is to connect this port with Kiung-chow. The cable from Hainan to Cape Cami was laid in November last. This line will also be completed in about six weeks; material not failing. The only station between this and Wang-chow is at Liemchow, whence lines will thus go out in four directions.

It is stated that the Japanese Government has resolved on ordering six new men-of-war from Europe, at a cost of twenty-five million yen, besides those mentioned recently.

The black dog which was blown up in the Yangtze at Mamei, and a sketch of which formed the most interesting vignette in the 'French at Foochow,' seem to have safely landed in the possession of Dr. Underwood at Espago Anchorage. He was severely wounded, but the doctor attended to him, and he now hops through life on three legs, holding the fourth up in reserve for the next bombardment.—*Courier*.

PRINCE Chun has, says the *Courier*, ordered a quantity of machinery for making gunpowder, and the works will be erected outside the walls of the Capital. This is owing to the large amount of charcoal dust which have been sold to the Chinese as gunpowder by foreign dealers in arms and ammunition who, by the way, are not so much to blame after all, the fault being mainly owing to the large penalties demanded by the deputies of the provincial authorities, before giving the contract for such articles to the foreign arms merchant.

REGARDING the use of luminous paint, which we noticed some time ago, a correspondent of the *Civil and Military Gazette* writes:—'The most important, or at all events one of the most important, uses for the luminous paint will be for leading military lines. At present all lights are strictly forbidden while the powder is being put in position and tampered; and it is often very difficult to carry out this operation in the thick darkness which exists some feet under ground. Experiments were made in 1880 at Chatham, during a long course of mining operations; and it was found that slates about 12 inches by 8 inches, coated with the luminous paint, afforded quite enough light to make the leading and tampering comparatively easy.'

The Tientsin correspondent of the *Shanghai Courier* writes as follows:—Still more German officers are coming to drill the Chinese, and in all the camps of the Chinese armies of Chihli, drill is incessant while daylight lasts. Instructors are being educated, and the German drill will, it is quickly as possible, be used in all the 18 provinces of the Empire, which day by day is becoming conscious and proud of a new strength. This awakening or birth of the martial spirit will by and by have its influence on the Eastern world, and before a decade passes the Empire will become a dual aggressive tendency. The people take to the military service readily, the officers improve, and there is a distinct and increasing leaning by a military caste in the armies. All this betokens a coming change, and a great and thorough evolution it promises to be.

The *Japan Mail*, in reference to our remarks concerning the complaints of the Yokohama community against the existing postal arrangements, has taken us to task in a very neatly-turned bit of ironical writing for the somewhat strong language which we then used. Our contemporary puts the postal case thus:—'The *China Mail* takes up the cry of rage on Mr. Lister's complaint of the rigors of which is quite pleasant. Our colonial contemporary quotes Mr. Lister's defence, with regard to the complaint formulated by Messrs Biset & Co., that those gentlemen "did not even wait till the steamer as to which they complained had come in, nor for the full explanation which, as they very well knew, has always been afforded whenever any difficulty has arisen, but, as is customary at Yokohama, flew at the steamer had not arrived, whereas another vessel, by which their letters might have been sent, had arrived. But it is undoubtedly true that they waited for the steamer to hurry to discharge a bundle at the Hongkong Postmaster, and that they shot their guns with rather flimsy material. In our opinion, Mr. Lister has been very hardly treated by the press of this settlement. He happens to be a particularly painstaking official. Under the regime of a postmaster who gave himself less trouble, or was content to bestow ordinary care upon his duties, the present fortuitous system of postal communication between Yokohama and Hongkong would long ago have become intolerable. What the Yokohama people really have to complain of is, that Mr. Lister's zeal and attention have helped to perpetuate a state of affairs in itself so unsatisfactory. In point of fact, Yokohama is angry with the system, and nothing Mr. Lister can possibly do, will all but satisfy them. Perhaps there never was a man who less deserves the abuse levelled at him, but he is by no means the first example of an official who has been condemned to suffer for the sake of his office.'

At St. Jude's Church, South Kensington, a testimonial was recently presented to the Rev William Smale, Vicar of St. Philip's, from members of the congregation with which he had been connected during the past nine years as Curate to Dr. Forrest. The testimonial took the form of a portrait of Mr. Smale's father, the late Sir John Smale, painted in oils by Mr. Hindley, a member of the St. Jude's choir, and a purse of upwards of £220. The choir of St. Jude's also presented to Mr. Smale a handsome dining-room clock.

It is all settled now! Those who go down to the sea in ships, and are accustomed to receive glass, ships, cups, saucers, &c., in their laps from the rolling of the vessel and the pitching thereof, will know that characteristic nautical phenomenon no more! An ingenious Frenchman has completely overcome the nuisance by simply having a swallow-tailed groove formed at the base of all table-tops, glass, plates, &c. Into this groove a band of indiarubber is inserted, so as to form a kind of circular cushion. Objects so furnished are almost incapable of falling from their places. They may stand on a wooden table, and the table be inclined from 45 to as much as 90 degrees without upsetting any of them. I may mention that the inventor is now exhibiting his method at the Beetheltherie. He displays a little baroque, the bridge of which is entirely covered with plates, glass, &c., all tilted up as above described. The baroque glass in a basin, and may be tossed to and fro in every direction without displacing a single piece of crockery. Of course, on board ship such an indiarubber base would also occasion less noise.

It is very natural, says the *Japan Mail*, that Frenchmen should desire to see Japan and China involved in war over the Korean trouble. France has no real need of an ally, did she choose to put forth her strength. But inasmuch as it is not convenient to those who direct her destinies at present that she should be required to exert herself seriously, the assistance of Japan would undoubtedly be welcome, and would be liberally purchased. The *Echo du Japon*, which calls itself *Organe des intérêts français dans l'Extrême Orient*, is therefore performing a very proper rôle when it endeavours to prove to the people of this empire that the best thing they could do would be to join hands with France and rush at China's throat without delay. Our French contemporary plays his part with equal dexterity, courtesy, and loyalty. He begins, *more suo*, by asserting that the *Japan Mail* sounded one note while Count Inouye (whom the *Echo du Japon* describes as Mr. Inouye) was absent in Korea, and another when the High Commissioner came back; but as this charge is a matter of indifference to us, and does not appear to have any immediate relevance to the question, we pass it by. It is probable, too, that the statement who rule Japan will not be much disturbed because the *Echo* alludes to them as '*les plebs qui ont le soleil du Chinois*.' When men are out of their teens they cease to derive any blind impulse from the exploits of this nature. It is, on the other hand, a very grave matter for the moderate members of the Cabinet to know, on authority so high as that of the *Organe des intérêts français*, that they are involving themselves 'in open hostility with the immense majority of the nation, whose demonstrations they suppress, whose voices they smother, and whose very existence is being threatened by such a quarter cannot be despised, and will doubtless have its effect. With regard, however, to the remaining performance of the *Echo du Japon*, we should like to tender a friendly remonstrance, namely, that a little less pronounced display of expertise to court a Japanese alliance, and a little less assumption of indifference to it, would be at once more persuasive and more artistic. One always expects to find a Frenchman artistic, so long, at least, as he keeps his temper, and there really is not yet any sufficient reason for the *Organe des intérêts français* to give itself up to despair and hysterics. The alliance may come off after all, and in the meantime, these premature displays of disappointment cannot serve French interests.

#### THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW.

This afternoon, the thirteenth annual flower show of the Hongkong Horticultural Society was opened in the Botanical Gardens. Despite the prognostications of several viscerers, the show this year was fully up to the average of the horticultural exhibitions which have been made in Hong Kong. Unfortunately, the number of those who take the trouble to rear and cultivate plants and flowers is very small indeed, and, therefore, our annual floral displays are very far short of what they might be. There are many residents in this Colony who possess excellent opportunities for growing flowers who do not. No doubt, the rearing process requires much care and attention, but it is equally certain that the gratification derived from being the possessor of unusually good specimens of the gardener's art is proportionate with the amount of labour bestowed in bringing them up. As it is at present, the rivalry between the exhibitors at our annual shows is reduced to a minimum. Year after year, the same persons face each other as competitors, and, naturally, they do not feel much anxiety or jealousy to defeat each other. Let us hope there will be an improvement on this state of things in the future. The principal features of the exhibition this year are the cut flowers, and the formidable display of vegetables. Of the former there are eight classes; and though some of the 'blooms' are rather indifferent, especially those representing the roses and chrysanthemums, this department of the show is really very attractive. The hand bouquets are seven in number, and are very pretty. It is in the table decorations, however, that the greatest taste and rivalry has been shown, and we can imagine the furtive and envious glances which the fair decorators must have cast at each other this morning as they decked their tables. The table which took the first prize (Mrs J. H. Cox's) is extremely elegant, the silver and cut-glass bowls and flowers making a most harmonious and chaste *table d'hôte*. Mrs. Bell-Irving obtained a special prize in this class for a highly æsthetic but sober-looking table. Mrs. Coxon deservedly took first prize in class 44 (table decorations of wild flowers), the red berries and bronze-coloured leaves and ferns forming a most pleasing and taking combination. In class 42, Mr. E. L. Woodin won first prize with a tastefully arranged rockery, the ferns of which were very prettily mingled. This rockery will, if carefully nurtured, present a far more perfect appearance next year, some parts of the rocks being at present rather unpleasantly naked. There is, as usual, a large and heterogeneous collection of plants in pots, the ferns, apparently, preponderating. In class 4 (ferns) Mr. Nowrojee exhibits an exquisitely beautiful specimen. Its leaves are as soft and glossy as velvet, while the branches are so tender and thread-like that one wonders how they can support the leaves. Among the flowering plants, the geraniums carry off the palm both as regards number and appearance. Some of them are exceptionally fine in their colour, form and profusion, and they form the most attractive division of this class. The chrysanthemums come next as regards quantity, numbering between 30 and 40 pots. These do not seem to have flourished well this year, most of them looking rather sickly and feeble. As for the roses, the queen of the garden, we are

afraid it must take a back seat. Scarcely one of the specimens shown, either in the bud or the bloom, can be said to be good. As we have already said the show of vegetables is very large, and they occupy fully one half of the main pavilion. All classes are represented from the monster cabbage to the *petit pois*. Hongkong cannot boast of a fruit-raising powers. The fruits shown to-day consisted of pine-apples, pomegranates, oranges, loquats, pomegranates, Chinese gooseberries, limes, and another fruit which we suppose is intended to represent pears. Of these the pomegranates, pine-apples and oranges were fairly respectable representatives of the classes to which they belonged. The principal exhibitors were Messrs J. G. T. Hassell, E. L. Woodin, A. G. Romano, and Mr. D. Nowrojee. We may state that Mr. Hassell is now the owner of the plants and flowers which the late Mr. Dickie used to exhibit, and that the real owner of the exhibits appearing under the name of Mr. Alok, is Mr. A. G. Romano.

The arrangements made for the show were much the same as last year and were very effective. The large pavilion was tastefully decked with evergreens and flags, and a number of plants set round the fountain and walks made the scene look very pretty and *fit like*. Early in the afternoon, the show was visited by His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by his *aide-de-camp*, Captain Lewis. The attendance of visitors was very small to begin with, but later on there was a very fair assemblage of the public, including a goodly number of ladies.

During the afternoon the band of H. B. M.'s ship *Andalus* was present, and played a pleasing selection of music. Judges are—for plants and cut flowers, Messrs Theo. Sampson and A. B. Westland; for European vegetables, Messrs H. W. Hambling and A. E. Vaneboer; and for Chinese vegetables, Messrs F. Rapp and J. D. Humphreys.

The following are the names of the Committee:—J. M. Armstrong, Esq., Chairman and Hon. Treasurer; W. M. B. Arthur, Esq.; C. P. Chater, Esq.; J. H. Cox, Esq.; R. George, Esq.; H. J. Holmes, Esq.; W. K. Hughes, Esq.; F. Rapp, Esq.; A. G. Romano, Esq.; A. E. Vaneboer, Esq.; J. Y. V. Vernon, Esq.; E. L. Woodin, Esq.; C. Ford, Esq., Honorary Secretary.

We may mention that Mr. E. R. Bellios has generously offered the Committee \$2000 to be funded and used for prizes. As yet it has not been decided how the money will be utilised, but it is certain that this handsome donation will materially aid in the maintenance and success of the flower show.

#### PLANTS IN POTS.

- 1—6 annuals—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 2—3 foliage plants—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 3—4 flowering plants—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 4—3 ferns—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 5—3 camellias—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 6—2 daffodils—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.
- 7—3 geraniums, single—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 8—3 geraniums, double—1, Alok; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 9—3 roses—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 10—3 chrysanthemums—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, D. Nowrojee.
- 11—2 chrysanthemums—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 12—1 chrysanthemum—1, Mrs. McEwen; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 13—1 flowering plant—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 14—1 foliage plant—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 15—1 camellia—1, H. M. Mehta; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 16—1 rose—1, Alok; 2, H. J. Holmes.
- 17—1 flowering plant—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.
- 18—2 saters, English—1, Alok; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 19—1 aster—1, Alok; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 20—1 annual—1, Alok; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 21—1 daffodil—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, H. M. Mehta.
- 22—1 geranium—1, Alok; 2, C. P. Chater.
- 23—1 tree fern—1, Mrs. Forbes.
- 24—2 azaleas—(no prizes).
- 25—1 pink, carnation or sweet william—(no prizes).
- 26—1 hyacinth—1, Alok; 2, Mrs. Forbes.
- 27—1 gladiolus—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, C. P. Chater.
- 28—1 pelargonium—(no prizes).
- 29—1 orchid—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, Alok.
- 30—1 daffodil—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.
- 31—1 lily—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, Alok.
- 32—1 narcissus—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 33—1 palm—1, Mrs. Forbes; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 34—pot pansies—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 35—1 pot Chinese primula—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 36—6 ferns, indigenous to Hongkong—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, D. Nowrojee.
- 37—6 ferns—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.

#### CUT FLOWERS.

- 38—4 camellia blooms—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.
  - 39—4 chrysanthemum blooms—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.
  - 40—1 rose blooms—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, Alok.
  - 41—bunch cut flowers, disappilar, (each bunch to consist of one variety only)—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, Mrs. Hughes.
  - 42—stumps or rockwork with ferns and creepers—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, Mrs. Dalrymple.
  - 43—hand bouquet—1, H. J. Holmes; 2, Mrs. Hughes.
  - 44—table decorations—1, Mrs. Cox; 2, Mrs. Hughes.
  - 45—table decorations of wild flowers—1, Mrs. Coxon; 2, Mrs. H. W. Davis.
- SPECIAL PRIZES.**  
Mrs. Davis, for cottage, garden and grounds.  
Mrs. Bell-Irving, for table decorations.
- VEGETABLES.**  
46—6 kinds of vegetables—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.  
47—2 heads of celery, large—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.  
48—heads of celery, dwarf—1, French Mission; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.

- 49—6 beet roots (long)—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 50—6 beet roots (short or round)—1, C. P. Chater; 2, A. E. Vaneboer.
- 51—6 carrots (long)—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 52—6 carrots (short or early)—1, J. H. Cox; 2, H. J. Holmes.
- 53—6 parsnips—1, E. L. Woodin.
- 54—2 cauliflower—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, J. H. Cox. Special—H. N. Mody.
- 55—2 cabbages—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, J. H. Cox.
- 56—2 cabbages red—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, H. N. Mody.
- 57—2 lettuce co.—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, French Mission.
- 58—2 lettuce cabbages—1, H. N. Mody; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 59—1 dish parsley—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, French Gentleman. Special—E. L. Woodin.
- 60—50 pods of peas—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, Mrs. Forbes.
- 61—50 pods of beans, French—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.
- 62—25 pods of broad broad—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 63—20 potatoes, white—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.
- 64—25 potatoes, red—1, Mrs. Forbes; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 65—6 turnips—1, C. P. Chater; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 66—6 turnips Swedes—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.
- 67—12 onions—1, French Mission; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 68—12 shallots—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, A. E. Vaneboer.
- 69—12 shallots—1, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 70—25 radishes turnip rooted—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 71—6 radishes long—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 72—6 kohlrabi—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, A. E. Vaneboer.
- 73—2 savoy—1, E. L. Woodin.
- 74—50 Brussels sprouts—1, French Mission; 2, E. L. Woodin.
- 75—12 tomatoes—1, H. N. Mody; 2, C. P. Chater.
- 76—2 vegetable marrow—1, E. L. Woodin.
- 77—2 cove tronchodas—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, A. E. Vaneboer.
- 78—6 radishes—1, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 79—2 Scotch kale—1, E. L. Woodin; 2, H. J. Holmes.
- 80—arrowroot—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.
- 81—sallad 6 kinds at least—(no prizes).
- 82—best collection of sweet and pot herbs—1, J. G. T. Hassell; 2, D. Nowrojee.
- 83—4 kinds of fruit—1, Kam Lum Po; 2, Chaw Ah; 3, Kam Anin.
- 84—2 heads of celery—1, Koo Awa; 2, Thin Po; 3, Leung Aam.
- 85—6 beet roots, short—1, Kam Sing; 2, Koo Awa; 3, Chi Ahow.
- 86—6 beet roots, long—(no prizes).
- 87—6 carrots—1, Chi Ahow; 2, Kam Lum Po; 3, Chi Ahing.
- 88—2 cauliflowers—1, Chi Ahing; 2, Fong Aka; 3, Ko Afa.
- 89—2 cabbages—1, Kam Lum Po; 2, Ah Yik; 3, Fong Aka.
- 90—2 cabbages, round—1, Chi Ahing; 2, Fong Aka; 3, Tin Po.
- 91—2 lettuce, em—1, Ayuk; 2, Kam Apin; 3, Kam Lum Po.
- 92—2 lettuce, cabbage—1, Kam Sing; 2, Chi Ahow; 3, Chi Ahing.
- 93—1 dish of parsley—1, Ku Afa; 2, Tin Po; 3, Chi Ahing.
- 94—50 pods of peas—1, Fong Apin; 2, Chi Ahing; 3, Kam Sing.
- 95—60 pods of beans, French—1, Fong Apin; 2, Koo Afa; 3, Chi Ahow.
- 96—25 potatoes—1, Fong Apin; 2, Fong Aka; 3, Kam Anin.
- 97—6 turnips—1, Fong Apin; 2, Tin Po; 3, Chi Ahon.
- 98—12 shallots—(no prizes).
- 99—25 radishes—1, Chan Atip; 2, Leung Aam; 3, Tin Po.
- 100—10 Brussels sprouts—1, Fong Apin; 2, Leung Aam; 3, Chi Ahon.
- 101—12 tomatoes—1, Kam Lum Po; 2, Ayuk; 3, Ko Awa.
- 102—6 horse radish—1, Fong Aka; 2, Kam Anin; 3, Tin Po.
- 103—best collection of sweet and pot herbs—1, H. N. Mody (special).
- 104—2 savoy—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.
- 105—6 arrow-roots, West Indian—1, Ayuk; 2, Fong Apin.
- 106—6 arrow-roots, East Indian—(no prizes).
- 107—6 kohlrabi—1, Fong Aka; 2, Leung Aam; 3, Wan Asing.

#### FRUITS.

- 108—best collection of fruit, (grown in Hongkong)—1, D. Nowrojee; 2, J. G. T. Hassell.

#### THE CHINESE NEW YEAR'S PARADE.

(By a Correspondent.)

Canton, Feb. 8th.

Whatever the public opinion may be as to the capacities of the Chinese nation with regard to actual warfare, so much must be readily admitted that there is hardly a people on this globe who understand better how to display picturesque military pageants and to turn out gorgeous processions than the Celestial race. To substantiate this expressed opinion I will give you in short a description of the Grand Parade which was held on Sunday, February 8, at Canton, by the different infantry regiments and Life Guards of their Excellencies the Viceroy of the Two Kwang and the Governor of Kwang Tung.

From the early hour of 4 o'clock the immediate neighbourhood of the different Yamen and the soldiers' barracks were the scene of much life and bustle, and although a slight drizzly rain fell from time to time, the undoubted nine regiments of the highest officials made tracks for the big Parade Ground, a beautiful level piece of territory of one quarter of a mile square, surrounded by high walls on all four sides, the main entrance at the south side leading from the street of Peace. At the North end is the Pavilion of H. E. the Viceroy, a solid structure backed by a high temple-crowned hill; to the left of the Pavilion were temporary erections in the shape of marquees for the accommodation of officers and civil officials, while on the right was erected the private tent of the officers of the Life Guards, and a platform, imitating a tower, which contained the Band (music) and also served as signal stand for the commanding officer. I may here add that, with the exception of the three Life Guard Regiments, which were led by verbal command of their respective Colonels, the remaining seven corps followed the flag-signals from the afore-mentioned tower.

Daylight at six o'clock showed a most beautiful picture to the lover of a gay display of colours. The nine regiments in various uniforms, viz.: Viceroy's Life Guards, red; Governor's ditto, light and dark blue; Viceroy's four Infantry Regiments, respectively clad in blue and red, red and blue, blue and orange, green and orange; Governor's three Infantry Regiments, respectively white and red, orange and white, crimson and white, filled the ground with their hundreds of gaudy flags and standards flying gaily in the morning breeze, leaving a space of about fifty yards for a triumphal road; the eastern and western sides of the square were covered with soldiers of goodness knows how many different native troops; the walls, the house tops, the roofs, the hills all covered with decoration, and thousands of thousands of festively attired spectators. The whole scene, as witnessed from H. E.'s Pavilion, most artistically decorated by a tremendous screen of bamboo and matting which extended over the whole southern end, conveyed a very rational idea of a native stronghold.

At 6.30, a tremendous noise in the distance, drums, cymbals, flutes, pipes, gongs etc. etc. announces the approach of H. E. the Governor (Foo-Tai) Y-One-Yü; the centre gate of the stronghold opens and amongst shouting, firing and music (H. E. and his colonial retinue arrive at the Viceroy's Pavilion.

Shortly afterwards an augmented repetition of celestial harmony and noise! and the chief person of the day, H. E. the Viceroy of the Two Kwang, Chang Shio Ting, with his staff, suite, and retinue, appears on the scene. The next half hour, during which a lot of official business, introducing, &c. &c. was gone through in the Pavilion and its annexes, I employed in noting down the names of the sundry high officials present, while I was constantly surrounded by a mob of curious ladies,urchins, soldiers and even grey-bearded old Johns. Well, it is no wonder, if you take into consideration that your own correspondent was the only European amongst the thousands of Chinese right in the heart of the City—no that is not true—I was the only foreigner in European clothes, because among the officers of H. E.'s staff was Lieutenant-Colonel Why Low See, the Instructor of the Viceroy's Life Guard (a gentleman who is better known amongst us as Lieut.-Colonel Soitz.) I am particularly obliged to the German gentleman for the way in which he secured me a front seat in the Pavilion and was instrumental in giving me the chance of making the personal acquaintance of many high officials. Further I must not forget to mention that the lately-arrived three German officers witnessed the Parade from the windows of their residence, situated with the back towards the Parade ground.

I cannot suppress a remark which I have repeatedly made at other occasions, viz.: that the Chinaman in general is a harmless, good-natured creature, a little curious and maybe intrusive, but totally inoffensive if you leave him alone, and highly childlike, being amused if you pass the slightest joke. I can now add one other experience to my previous conviction, and date it February 8, 1885.

The officials who now took their seats on a dais with their Excellencies were:—Kung Yee Tso—the Tao Tai. Shan Chuan Ching—Chief Judge. Yu Chang—High Salt Commissioner. Y Ling—Provisions Commissioner. Chao Fong Yu—Pang Chang Quo—Tao-tai. Tsing Shu Chum—Wang Shio Ching—General-in-chief and A.D.C. Tung An Pang—General and A.D.C. Ue De Shang—3rd General. Ting Ching Tang—4th General. Shiao Shiao—Prefect.

Why De Lau—Magistrate of Nam-hai. Chu Bo Ue—Magistrate of Pun-ue. Colonel Chang, Lt.-Colonel Why, Major Wang, of the Life Guard, other Colonels, officers, officials, etc., and your own correspondent.

From 7.15 a.m. until 11 a.m. the infantry went through their Chinese drill, which, although very picturesque, got rather monotonous after a while, as it mostly consisted of waving of flags, marching about without step, and almost constant firing of blank cartridges. Although the men evidently did their best, I abstain from a minute description, and fearing that my report gets too lengthy, I will only shortly mention the parade of the two Life Guard Regiments.

They are mostly Tien-tsin men, all picked, sinewy fellows, and I must say that any European officer entrusted with the drilling of such material ought to produce an exemplary corps if he adopts a system of patience and perseverance.

As absurd as these productions look to the uninitiated, yet they have their certain value as well as the so-called 'Extension-Motions' in the British, or the 'Frois-Nablings' in the German Army—they develop the muscles and strength of a man and tend to draw him from an apathy so often frequent amongst soldiers, into active competition at many sports.

The distribution of awards and prizes wound up the military spectacle, and after partaking of a few refreshments with some of the high officers in the Viceroyal Pavilion, I was glad to escape the raw, pouring, rain in my chair and to transform the scene of my action to the yamen of the German Officers, where at a sumptuous tiffin we drank health and prosperity to the Imperial Troops.

#### THE FRENCH IN FORMOSA.

The following despatch, from the Tao-tai of Tai-wan to the foreign Consuls, has been handed to the *N.-O. D. News* for publication:—

I, Liu, holding the brevet rank of Provincial Treasurer, wearing a button of the second rank, Intendant of the Circuit for Formosa, and the Possessor, with the powers of Chief Examiner of the Province, endowed with the rank of Ba-tu-lu, with ten degrees, and having been recorded ten times for meritorious services, make the following communication. The French, having violated International Law, are blockading the ports of Formosa on paper, especially hindering commerce. I have already made a petition to the high authorities respecting the communication; pertaining to the blockade, to the Treaty Powers, in order to have it brought to the notice of the Throne. This is in accordance with the provisions of the International Law, that in carrying on a blockade without secretly stationing vessels-of-war to prevent all ships from going in and out, but only detaining a few vessels-of-war for patrolling the sea and having no settled places of anchorage, it cannot be considered a blockade, also in blocking an enemy's ports inefficiently such blockade is null and void, etc. Now in the present case, the French have not had a single ship-of-war either keeping guard or anchoring by the ports of Amoy and Kt Hain in Southern Formosa for over ten days, since the 29th of the 10th month Chinese Calendar; 15th of December, English Calendar. How can the French claim to have a settled place of anchorage, and how can they claim to have carried on their blockade effectively? Why also should they not obey the distance of International Law, proclaim to the world that they have raised the blockade? Whereas, instead of so doing, they are guilty of practising deceit upon the neutral Powers. Besides, International Law, far from objecting to a blockade, rather to sanction it; for the express purpose that a State, being blockaded, sees its own danger, and being unable to withstand the enemy will sue for peace, thereby preventing parties entering into wars recklessly.



